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1. REFTEL MESSAGE PASSED TO SHAH THROUGH COURT MINISTER
ALAM MORNING OCTOBER 23.

2. FOR CONTINGENCY PURPOSES IN EVENT EXERCISE IS
REPEATED, WISH CALL ATTENTION SEVERAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH
ARE IMPORTANT FROM IRANIAN PERSPECTIVE:

(A) WITH RESPECT TO REPAYMENT, SHAH'S PRIMARY INTEREST
WILL NOT BE IN AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED, BUT RATHER IN
ACCELERATED DELIVERY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. SPECIFICALLY,
WE FEEL HE WILL WANT EARLIER DELIVERY OF F-5E'S
PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN DECEMBER 1973. HE WOULD ALSO
LIKE DELIVERY DATE FOR F-4E'S TO BE ADVANCED FROM JULY 1973.
EIGHT F-4E'S ARE PRESENTLY LEASED TO IRANIAN AIR FORCE. WE
COULD OFFER TO TRANSFER TITLE ON THESE PLANES TO GOI,
CREDITING PORTION OF VALUE OF TRANSFERRED F-5A'S.
(IRANIAN INVENTORY INCLUDES 37 F-5A'S WHICH WERE PURCHASED
AND 53 WHICH WERE MAP-SUPPLIED.)

(B) 53 OF 90 AIRCRAFT PROPOSED FOR TRANSFER WERE
SUPPLIED UNDER MAP WHICH APPEARS RAISE SEVERAL THORNY
LEGAL AND BUDGETING PROBLEMS. WHILE WE HAVE NO EXPERTISE
IN THIS REGARD, WE ASSUME GOI COULD ALSO BE COMPENSATED
WITH CREDIT AGAINST NEW F-5E'S OR F-4E'S ACCORDING TO
SHAH'S PREFERENCE. FOR FUTURE ADMINISTRATIVE
PURPOSES, THESE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS MAP-PROVIDED.
WE ASSAGE SVN MAP BUDGET OR OTHER SOURCE COULD PROVIDE
NECESSARY FUNDING. SHAH TOOK IRAN OFF MAP ROLES IN MAY
AND IRAN SHOULD NOT BE LISTED AS MAP RECIPIENT IN ANY
TRANSACTION.

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(C) SHAH'S READINESS TO MEET OUR REQUEST WITHOUT HESITATION OR QUESTION WAS ELOQUENT TESTIMONY TO EXCEEDINGLY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND HIM. SHOULD F-5A TRANSFER AGAIN BE PROPOSED, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN TERMS OF THIS RELATIONSHIP TO BRING SHAH INTO PICTURE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND TO RESPOND MAGNANIMOUSLY IN NEGOTIATION THAT WOULD FOLLOW HIS AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER.

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